

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1. A method of maintaining application program configurations on a plurality of network servers comprising:

5 receiving configuration parameters from a system user;

routing said configuration parameters to a database;

storing said configuration parameters in said database; and

routing said configuration parameters from said database to said plurality of network servers.

2. The method of Claim 1, additionally comprising:

10 updating one or more configuration parameters stored in said database; and

routing said updated configuration parameters to one or more of said plurality of network servers.

3. The method of Claim 1, wherein said routing to said network servers is performed automatically after said storing.

15 4. An information processing system comprising:

a plurality of network servers having application programs running thereon, said application programs comprising configuration parameters defining at least some aspect of said application program operation; and

a database storing at least some of said configuration parameters; and

20 a communication link connecting said database to said plurality of network servers so as to transfer said configuration parameters to said plurality of network servers.

5. The information processing system of Claim 4, wherein said configuration parameters include the space allocated to a network resource.

25 6. The information processing system of Claim 4, wherein said configuration parameters include the address assigned to a network resource.

7. A method of synchronizing configuration parameters on a server with a database of stored configuration parameters comprising automatically updating said configuration parameters on said server in response to updating said database of stored configuration parameters.

30 8. The method of Claim 7, additionally comprising reversing a database update in the event of an indication of an error during the process of updating the server.

9. The method of Claim 7, additionally comprising suspending a database update for a pre-defined period.

10. An information processing system comprising:

5 at least one network server running at least one application program, wherein application program operation is defined at least in part by a set of configuration parameters stored on said at least one network server and associated with said application program;

a database separate from said at least one network server and storing a copy of said set of configuration parameters; and

10 means for automatically maintaining synchronization between said set of configuration parameters stored on said at least one network server and said copy of said set of configuration parameters stored in said database.

11. A method of managing network servers comprising:

15 updating a database with new configuration parameters for a network server computer; and automatically triggering a daemon running on said network server computer in response to said database update, wherein said daemon is configured to retrieve said new configuration parameters and to configure an application program in accordance therewith.